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REPORT

Wayside Station,
Date July 30, 1938.

Subject: House No. 6 at Lane 50 Ward Road occupied by Russian lawyer

I.V. Mousy-Moussienko without permission of the lawful tenant.

Made by: I.S. Suhoff.

Forwarded by:

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 29.7.38, one Sultan Ali, British Indian, employee of Hai-Lai and residing at Lane 572, House 54 Boono Road, came to this station accompanied by Mrs. Gulbaz, also British Indian, and made the following report:-

For the past 5 years Mrs. Gulbaz and her husband were residing at Lane 50 House No. 6 Ward Road, which premises they rented from a Chinese landlord for \$40.00 per month.

On August 14th, 1937, owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities Mr. and Mrs. Gulbaz evacuated from their residence and removed to French Concession. In September same year Mr. Gulbaz died, and Mrs. Gulbaz being unable to visit her former residence herself, requested Sultan Ali to do so.

Sultan Ali stated that he visited the house frequently and on May 21th, 1938, he having obtained certificate from H.B.M. Consulate and a Japanese "pass" removed the majority of furniture left in the house to the South of Creek area, after which he secured the windows and nailed the doors from outside. The landlord of this house, a Chinese, was formerly residing on Broadway but since the Sino-Japanese hostilities he could not be located and none of the house tenants in Lane 50 Ward Road know his present whereabouts.

On 30.5.38, Sultan Ali became sick and until 9.7.38 was detained in Paulun Hospital. On 29.7.38, he came to Ward Road and found House 6 Lane 50 occupied by Russians, whereupon he came to this station. The present occupier of the house in question I.V. Mousy-Moussienko was called to this station when enquiries ascertained the following:-

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Residing previously in French Concession in May 1938, Mousy-Moussienko decided to remove to the North of Creek area and visited this district, with an object of renting a house. He made enquiries amongst the Russian residents in Lane 50 Ward Road and found that House No. 6 was vacant and not secured. He stated that he was informed by some Russians that the previous tenants had removed the furniture and had no intention to return to this house and he, Mousy-Moussienko, decided to occupy the house from June 2nd, 1938.

On the same date, he came to this station and reported the removal of officer on Charge Room duty P.M. 220 Tcheremshansky. The entry in the Occurrence Book made by the above officer on June 2nd, 1938, reads:-

"Resident in the District: M. I.V. Moussy-Moussienko, Russian Emigrant, reports that he is going to reside at House No. 6, Lane 50 Ward Road, from 2.6.38".

Mrs. Gulbaz and Sultan Ali stated that they did not inform any Russian in Lane 50 that they were leaving the house, but in the contrary intended to sublet the rooms as they felt responsible for the premises before the landlord who might appear and demand the house rent, which they would be obliged to pay.

I.V. Moussy-Moussienko stated that he was willing to pay the rent commencing from June 1st, 1938, and if the old tenants wished to re-occupy the house he would move out immediately.

Mrs. Gulbaz agreed to let to Moussy-Moussienko 2 rooms from June 1st, 1938, for \$25.00 and demanded the rent for 2 months due to her (\$50.00).

The latter had no money at present but promised a

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guaranty from another Russian lawyer M.N. Shoolyngin, offices at 14 Museum Road, Room 41A, 3rd floor. Both parties left the station to proceed to the above offices to have a necessary agreement made, promising to inform the undersigned of the result.

However up to the moment the results of negotiations at the lawyer's office are unknown.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently,

John A. Kaye
Senior Det i/c

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